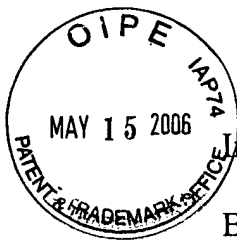


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Dear Jason,

We certainly have been at this for quite a while. I was looking through the file and reading correspondence back to 2002. In any case, it is good to hear from you. I hope all is well.

This paper is in response to the most recent Office Action in the prosecution of the above-entitled application, mailed February 10, 2006, and allowing three months for response. This response is timely as it is filed within the allotted time period.